

Third Sunday of Epiphany 24th January



The Wedding at Cana

Opening Response

O Lord, open our lips
**And our mouth shall proclaim your
praise**

Your light springs up for the righteous
**And all the peoples have seen your
glory**

Opening Prayer

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O
God, set our hearts on fire with love for
you; now and for ever. **Amen**

Confession

Lord, we need a miracle today.
Like Jesus changing water into wine
at the wedding feast in Cana,
we need a miracle today.
We are tired, Lord,
of the hurts of this world.
We are discouraged in the face of
injustice, war, poverty, and indifference.
We need a miracle today, Lord.
Your steadfast love, like a mighty
mountain, will not be moved.
Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds,
cannot be counted.
Your glory, like a mighty torch,
will not be put out.
Lord, forgive us our sins
and crown us with your love.
Show us your glory, that in you we may
be moved to acts of kindness, love,
justice, and mercy.
Lord, we need a miracle today. **Amen.**

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Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to
himself, forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy Word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

The Collect

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in
Cana your Son Jesus turned water into
wine, delighting all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
that we may use our varied gifts
to show forth the light of your love
as one body in Christ. **Amen**

Reading

John 2: 1-11

At end of reading:

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains
he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules both earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, maker and sustainer
of all life.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus
Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the
place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be
everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy
Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit
of healing and forgiveness, source of
resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

Notices

Intercessions

The response to

Lord, Hear us

Is **(All): Lord, graciously hear us**

At the end

Merciful father, **(All): accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

Blessing and Dismissal

May God the Son, who turned water into
wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your
hearts. And may the blessing...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
(All): In the name of Christ, Amen